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Of late Mr Winwood (that is now in the
ambassador's room
since Sir Henry Neville by his implication in the
late rising is
deprived of his employment) had audience with
the French
King and spoke of the confessions of the Earl of
Essex, and how
that he had petitioned that he might suffer pen-
atly from the
view and presence of the world Hereupon the
King staged
him and said, "Nay rather the clean contrary, for
he desired
nothing more than to die in public * Thus far the
ambassador
had a pleasing audience, but when he spake of
reimbursement
for her Majesty's debt, to which the ambassador
added the
Queen's long forbearance, the necessity of her
present affairs,
the many promises made both by writing and
byword of mouth,
the King rose, saying that he would advise of it

A BOOK OF DON SEBASTIAN

There is a book called *The strangest adventure
that ever
happened, either in age* past or present*^ being a
discourse of Don
Sebastian from the time of his voyage into Affric,
when he was
lost in the battle against the infidels in the year
1578 unto the
6th of January last past, a discourse full of
divers curious
histories, some ancient prophecies, and other
matters to show
that he whom the Sigmory of Venice hath held as
prisoner for
more than two years is the true Don Sebastian

\$th April A PROCLAMATION CONCERNING LIBELS.

It is proclaimed that whosoever shall in any
sort either
openly or secretly discover to any of the Lords of
the Council
or to the Lord Mayor the name of the authors,
writers or dis-
persers of the traitorous and slanderous libels
that are being
spread abroad, whereby the offenders may be
known and taken,

shall have for his pains therein the sum of one
hundred pounds
of current money, paid and delivered unto him by
the Lord
Mayor

gtb April LORD HENRY SEYMOUR'S COMPLAINT
The Lord Henry Seymour is greatly annoyed in
his dwelling
house within the Blackfnars by reason that a
common laystall
or wharf for receipt of soil is erected within the
liberties of
Bndewell so near and directly under the windows
of his principal